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House Bill 5493: Please phase out tax on Ambulatory Surgical centers.

I am a Physician; I am a patient of the Ambulatory Surgical Center in Middletown, CT as are my family members and neighbors. I was a member of the medical staff many years ago when the decision was made to take out of the Hospital premises a number of procedures that could be performed [and has been] safely, effectively outside the campus and purview of the main hospital while providing a much more satisfying consumer experience, besides enabling patients to get back to participating in their lives much faster because of the fast evolution of the technologies, processes and competencies of the staff providing competent, courteous, caring and compassionate care. The follow-up care is also terrific. The tax structure ought to be enabling and empowering Surgical centers to achieve the Triple Aim in order to bend the rate of increase of the unsustainable per capita cost of Health care especially since Surgical Centers deliver the goods that is expected of the them to our friends and neighbors in CT:

1. Improving the patient experience of care (including quality [Added Value to Person's life] and satisfaction);
2. Improving the health of populations; and
3. Reducing the per capita cost of health care.

So Please Phase out the tax on Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

The Tax policy has dis-incentivized Manufacturing and Business Industries to the great detriment of the people of CT in many different sectors with cruel and pernicious effects including loss of the tax base and equally damaging the attrition and loss of highly skilled and experienced people who made these fast shrinking industries the most enviable in the world . We cannot allow this horrible fate to befall our vaunted HC sector anchored by among the finest medical centers and Universities which train arguably the best among the best HC staff at every level because of imprudent and plain dumb Tax policies. We must stop looking for ways to stick it to the thriving industries in our State and in the process drive them out of town. Put it simply- We cannot allow our Tax addicts to cut of our collective noses to spite our face.